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Preliminary Amendment

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Amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure from the International application as attached on the separate sheet herewith.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An anionic surfactant of the formula (I): $R^2-Y-(O)C-(HR)C-C(HR^1)-C(O)-(OA)_n-X$ wherein one of R and R^1 is a C_6 to C_{22} linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl, and the other is hydrogen; Y is O, or NH, or $-NH-CH_2-C(=CH_2)-$, or $-N(CH_2-CR^3(=CH_2))-CH_2-C(=CH_2)-$ where R^3 is hydrogen or methyl; when Y is O, R^2 is hydrogen, or a salt, or a C_1 to C_6 linear or branched alkyl, or an optionally substituted C_3 to C_{10} linear or branched alkenyl; when Y is NH, or $-NH-CH_2-C(=CH_2)-$, or $-N(CH_2-CR^3(=CH_2))-CH_2-C(=CH_2)-$ where R^3 is hydrogen or methyl, R^2 is hydrogen or methyl; OA is an oxyalkylene group; n is 2 to 100; and X is a group comprising at least one acidic H atom, or a salt thereof, and the use thereof in free radical initiated addition polymerisation, particularly emulsion polymerisation.